



Public Speaking Contest

2010-2011

It's Contest Time!!!

The Durham Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Conservation Public Speaking contest this year!

The theme is "**Water...The Cycle of Life**". This encompasses a wide range of idea topics that the students can incorporate in their competition entries.

Who's eligible? Any Durham County student (public, private, or homeschool) in **7th or 8th grade**!

The District's Public Speaking contest will be conducted in late February 2010. **Interested students must register by Feb 10, 2011.** The competition will be held at the Durham County Agricultural Building (721 Foster St). *Specific date and time to be announced later.*

Prizes

There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given for each grade level in Durham County:

1st place - \$50 cash and participant entered in regional competition

2nd place - \$25 cash

****Teachers who have a 1st place winning student will receive \$30 or more to be used at their favorite school supply store!**

If your students are interested in competing in this, please call us at 919-560-0558, or email Jennifer at jbrooks@co.durham.nc.us to sign up!

Water...The Cycle of Life

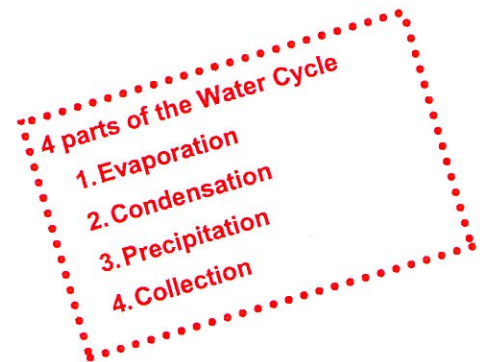


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Official Rules

Speeches must:

- Be 4 to 6 minutes long. Over or under limit will be penalized.
- Be a reflection of the current topic, **“Water...The Cycle of Life”**
- In order to insure impartiality in judging, personal information such as name, school, etc... shall not be stated during speech. Infractions will be taken during scoring for violation of this rule.
- No visual aids are allowed. Note cards should only be used as a backup only.



Judging Criteria

The NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts have adopted a standard score sheet to be used for all contest levels. Speeches will be judged on content and speaking skills as described on the score sheet. A copy of the score sheet criteria is available upon request.

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect time limit 5 points
- Use of visual aids 5 points
- Gives personal information 2 points